

# *West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Centers*



## **BROWNFIELD (BROUN'FĒLD') N.**

ABANDONED OR UNDERUTILIZED REAL PROPERTY WHOSE REDEVELOPMENT IS COMPLICATED BY POLLUTANTS OR POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION.



# Mission: Promote the Reuse of Brownfields



**Economic  
Development**

Return “blighted” property to  
productive assets



**Education**

host conferences, trainings, and  
workshops



**Community  
Development**

create jobs, increase the tax base  
and protect human health and the  
environment through site clean up



**Financial  
Resources**

develop project funds through  
federal, state and private sources

# Project Funding

- Federal Government Grant Programs
- Private Foundations
- Banks, Lending Institutions
- Your Local Community



# EPA's Brownfields Revitalization Funding Program Review

## Types of EPA Brownfields Grants

1. Site Assessment (community wide or site specific)
2. Clean-up
3. Revolving Loan Fund
4. Job Training
5. Research and Technical Assistance

**\*Grants are awarded through nationwide competition – very competitive\***

Targeted Brownfield Assessment grants for specific sites with significant redevelopment likelihood are also available, funded through WVDEP or EPA Region III

# FOCUS WV BROWNFIELDS

Foundation for Overcoming Challenges & Utilizing Strengths



Mini-Grants funded by the  
Benedum Foundation to foster:

- Entrepreneurship
- Capacity Building
- Education

TITLE DEED

**OWENS ILLINOIS GLASS FACTORY**  
Marion Regional Development Corp.

**Marion County**  
**26.0 Acres**

- *Use: industrial*
- 1 mi from I-79,  
Exit 137 in  
Fairmont, WV
- Completed phase  
1 assessment,  
site sampling,  
remediation plan
- for sale or lease



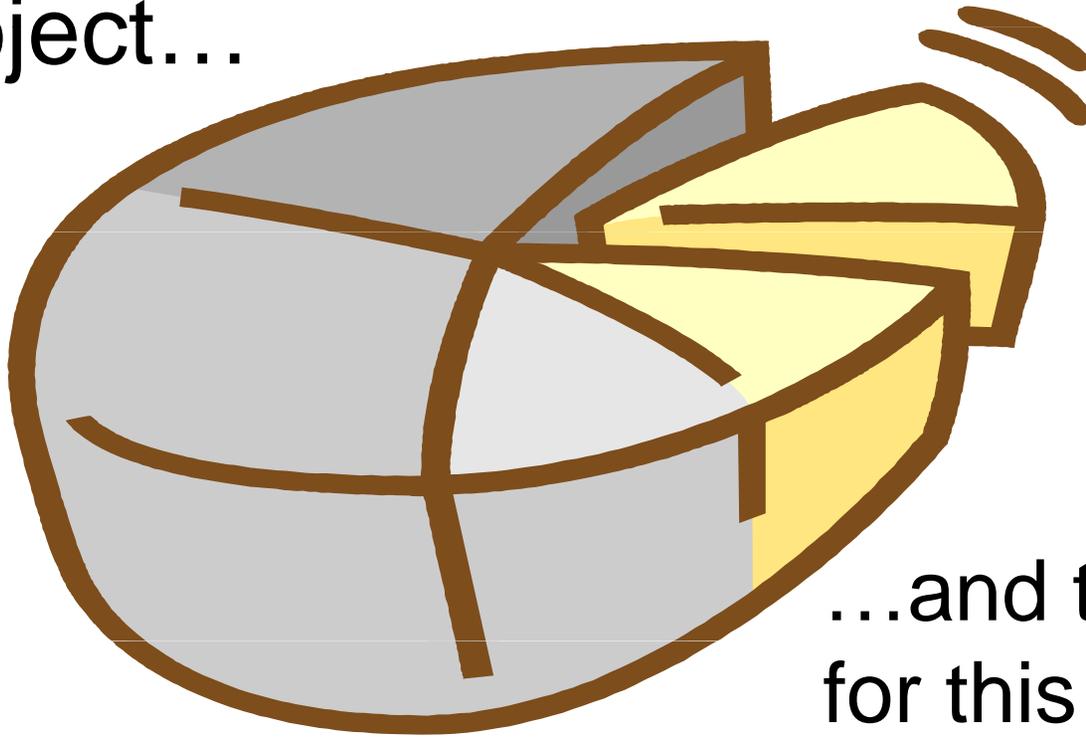
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**This Funding Source is Unique to West Virginia**

# TIP #1: Project Funding

A brownfield (the environmental) is **only one piece** of the redevelopment project...



...and there is funding for this piece

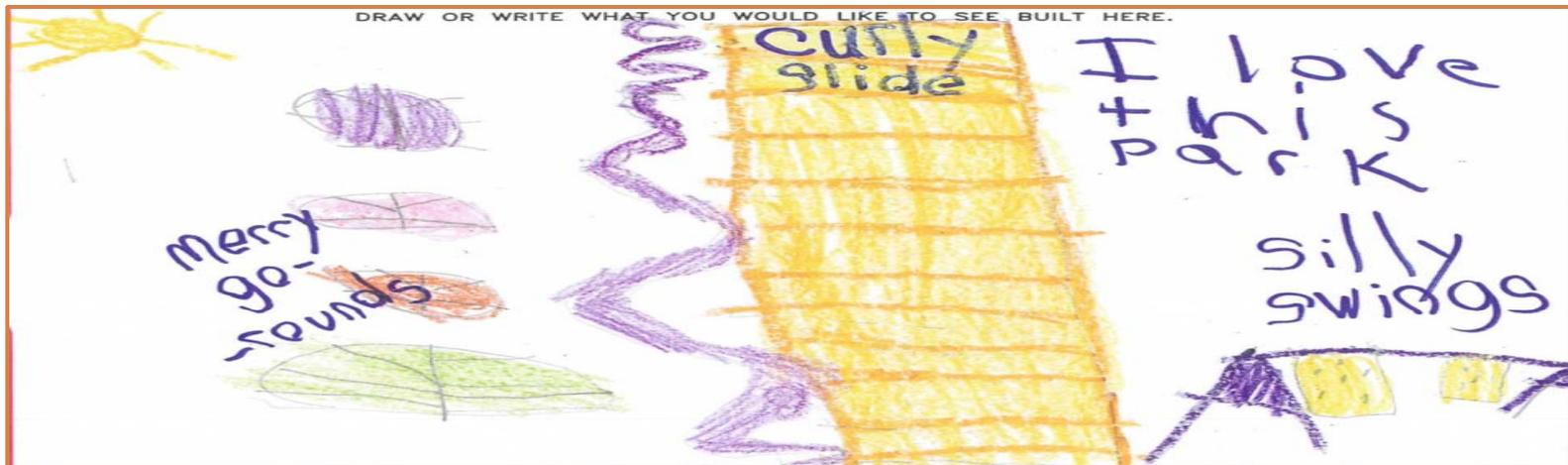
# TIP #2: Leveraging Resources

- Identify what your project needs
- Practice Your Elevator Speech
- Document Milestones
- Success Breeds Success
- Be Creative



# TIP #3: Project Preparation

- Begin Developing a project vision ASAP
- “Free” Money takes time (So does bank paperwork)
- Communication with stakeholders is key



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